THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The number of candidates sponsored during the last 3-years under Science and General categories is as under:—

Year	TGT	PGT	Total
1983	3,526	729	4,255
1984	1,997	201	2,198
1985	3,965	178	4,143

A statement showing the number of candidates sponsored and the year of registration upto which they were sponsored is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXXXVI, Annexure No. 46.]

(d) There is no such proposal.

(e) Suitable candidates are sponsored in order of seniority in registration from amongst those possessing required qualifications and work experience, as laid down by the employer.

Alleged corruption in Carpet Weaving Training Scheme at Varanasi UP

2301. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: SHRI N. RAJANGAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters received from Members of Parliament during 1984-85 regarding corruption in the Carpet Weaving Training Scheme at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Five.

(b) In one case a gazetted officer has been dismissed from service and five other non-gazetted officials have been awarded minor penalties. In another case disciplinary proceedings under C.C.S. (CCA) Rules have been initiated against two suspected non-gazetted officials.

Mal-functioning in the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handicrafts

2302. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: SHRI N. RAJANGAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a petition signed by about 24 Members of Parliament regarding mal-functioning in the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handicrafts was received;

(b) if so, what action has been taken on the various points raised therein; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The points raised therein are under examination.

Excess Carpets at Aurari Central Storage Carpet Weaving Training Scheme

2303. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any excess carpets have been found at the Aurai Central Storage of the Carpet Weaving Training Scheme during the stock verification; and